

10/521667
Rec'd PCT/PTO 16 SEP 2005

Attorney Docket No. 5404/96
Client Reference No. B020290US01PILE-10

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Combined Declaration And Power Of Attorney

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that: my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, that I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or as joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

PILE FABRIC

the specification of which

(check one)

- is attached hereto
 was filed on _____
as U.S. Application Serial No. _____
 was filed on July 11, 2003 as PCT

International Application No. PCT/JP2003/008867

and (if applicable) was amended on _____

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to me which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) or (f), or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or §365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION

<u>Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Filing Date</u> <u>Day/Month/Year</u>	<u>Date First Laid</u> <u>Open or Published</u>	<u>Date Patented</u> <u>or Granted</u>	<u>Priority</u> <u>Claimed</u>
2002-211542	Japan	19/07/2002			Yes

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of any United States application(s), or §365(c) of any PCT International Application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application.

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

PRIOR U.S. OR PCT APPLICATION(S)

Application No.

Day/Month/Year

Status (pending, abandoned,
granted)

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statement and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

I HEREBY APPOINT the Practitioners associated with the following Customer Number as my attorneys, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and any continuations, divisions, reissues, and reexaminations thereof, to receive the patent(s), to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

Customer No. 00757, Brinks Hofer Gilson Lione

PLEASE RECOGNIZE or change the CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS for this application to the address associated with the above-mentioned Customer Number.

PLEASE DIRECT all telephonic and facsimile communications to:

Richard G. Lione
Telephone: (312) 321-4200
Facsimile: (312) 321-4299

Full name of sole or first inventor
KURODA, Minoru

Sole or first inventor's signature

Date 2005/11/28

Minoru Kuroda

Residence (City, State/Foreign Country)
Himeji-shi, Hyogo / JAPAN

Country of Citizenship
JAPAN

Post Office Address
448-1-407, Waku Aboshi-ku, Himeji-shi, Hyogo 671-1227 JAPAN

Full name of second inventor, if any
SHIBUKAWA, Yoshinori

Second inventor's signature

Date 2005/11/28

Yoshinori Shibukawa

Residence (City, State/Foreign Country)
Himeji-shi, Hyogo / JAPAN

Country of Citizenship
JAPAN

Post Office Address
571-16, Idei, Himeji-shi, Hyogo 670-0871 JAPAN